

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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**COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 99/00 - 01**

**TO:** ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT:** FISCAL YEAR (FY) 1999/00 ADOPTIONS ALLOCATION  
(BASIC PROGRAM AND ADOPTIONS INITIATIVE)

The purpose of this letter is to provide County Welfare Departments with the allocation for the Basic Program and Adoptions Initiative. The Budget Act of 1999 approved a total of \$61.3 million of which \$35.8 million is State General Fund (SGF). Pursuant to the 1999 Budget and in accordance with the Governor's 1996 Adoption Initiative, the statewide budget continues to be linked to individual county performance agreements to ensure that funding will lead to increased adoption placements.

To budget the funds for FY 1999/00, the actual unit cost for adoptions case workers was computed by taking the total program costs from the County Expense Claims (CEC) for March 1998 to December 1998, plus a 3.45 percent cost-of-doing-business, and dividing by the number of actual Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) for each county for the same time periods. The resulting unit cost for each county was then multiplied by the county's performance agreement FTEs (including independent adoptions) to arrive at a total adoption budget.

As in the prior year, an adjustment was made to each county's allocation based on its percentage of the SGF necessary to fund 6.5 county staff positions on loan to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). This staff will assist in supporting the initiative's efforts to remove practice, policy, regulatory and statutory barriers in the program. The attachment contains each county's SGF allocation pursuant to this adjustment.

It should be noted that while the number of FTEs funded by counties is consistent with the prior year, there are fluctuations in individual county allocations from FY 1998/99 to FY 1999/00. These fluctuations are due to the updated unit cost developed using the above methodology.

Adoptions program and staff development costs reported on the County Expense Claim will be charged to the adoptions program allocation as follows:

- 117 – Adoptions, Case Management
- 118 – Adoptions, Independent
- 123 – Adoptions, Federal Direct Costs
- 125 – Adoptions, Training

The state share exceeding the allocation will be shifted to the county share on State Use Only (SUO) Code 191.

Questions concerning the allocation methodology should be directed to your Contracts and Financial Analysis Bureau analyst at (916) 657-3806. Questions concerning the Adoption Initiative or Performance Agreements should be directed to Joe Magruder or Maria Barriga of the Adoptions Initiative Bureau at (916) 322-4227.

***Original Document Signed by  
Douglas D. Park on 7/20/99***

DOUGLAS D. PARK, Chief  
Financial Planning Branch

Attachment

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## 1999/00 ADOPTION - BASIC AND INITIATIVE

COUNTIES	STATE GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION
ALAMEDA	1,136,492
ALPINE	0
AMADOR	0
BUTTE	0
CALAVERAS	0
COLUSA	0
CONTRA COSTA	1,144,598
DEL NORTE	0
EL DORADO	96,309
FRESNO	532,510
GLENN	0
HUMBOLDT	0
IMPERIAL	78,262
INYO	0
KERN	901,350
KINGS	0
LAKE	0
LASSEN	0
LOS ANGELES	12,037,683
MADERA	0
MARIN	179,187
MARIPOSA	0
MENDOCINO	0
MERCED	188,533
MODOC	0
MONO	0
MONTEREY	504,451
NAPA	0
NEVADA	0
ORANGE	2,496,283
PLACER	110,609
PLUMAS	0
RIVERSIDE	1,329,822
SACRAMENTO	1,397,217
SAN BENITO	0
SAN BERNARDINO	1,747,366
SAN DIEGO	3,807,234
SAN FRANCISCO	1,951,312
SAN JOAQUIN	1,091,124
SAN LUIS OBISPO	460,944
SAN MATEO	777,272
SANTA BARBARA	200,100
SANTA CLARA	1,444,316
SANTA CRUZ	310,254
SHASTA	258,892
SIERRA	0
SISKIYOU	0
SOLANO	284,727
SONOMA	0
STANISLAUS	308,595
SUTTER	0
TEHAMA	0
TRINITY	0
TULARE	327,071
TUOLUMNE	0
VENTURA	253,629
YOLO	0
YUBA	0
TOTAL	35,356,142